

### EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

In claim 1, replace the preamble with, -- A system being configured to treat cystocele, comprising an implant having a thin and supple structure and a device for the introduction of an implant, wherein the implant comprises a support body made of a bio-compatible material, from which extend at least: --.

In claim 1 on the last line, "means for allowing cutting of" should be -- means for cutting apertures --.

In all the claims, remove the reference numbers and letters.

In claims 2-16, 18, 19, 21, and 23-28, replace "characterised in that" with - wherein --.

In claim 2, "the longitudinal axes (A3) of the anterior straps" should be --a longitudinal axis of the two anterior straps--.

In claim 3 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line, "the anterior straps" should be --the two anterior straps--.

In claim 5, "the longitudinal axes (A4) of the posterior straps" should be --a longitudinal axis of the two posterior straps--.

Replace claim 9 with, -- An implant according to claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis of each middle suspension strap and an anterior part of the sagittal plane, forms an angle between 100° and 140°, preferably between 110° and 130°.--

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In claim 10, "the length of the anterior straps" should be – a length of each anterior strap --.

In claim 11, "the length of the posterior straps" should be – a length of each posterior strap --.

In claim 12, "the length of the middle straps" should be – a length of each middle strap --.

In claim 14 on the 1<sup>st</sup> line, "the length" should be –a length—and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line, "the width" should be –a width of the support body--.

In claim 15 on the 1<sup>st</sup> line "the anterior" should be –each anterior—and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line, "the anterior corner" should be –an anterior corner--.

In claim 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> line "the posterior" should be –each posterior—and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line, "the posterior corner" should be –a posterior corner--.

Cancel claim 17.

Rearrange dependency of claims 18-29 which depend on claim 17 which should be canceled.

Replace claim 20 with, -- An introduction device further comprising an implant according to claim 1 placed in the cavity of the hollow body and the tubular branches.—

In claims 22 and 29, ", characterised in that it also comprises" -- should be --further comprising--.

In claim 26, "or distal end" should be – or a distal end--.

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In claims 30 and 31, “characterised in that it consists essentially of” should be –consisting of--; and in the last line of the two claims, “the anterior vaginal wall” should be –an anterior vaginal wall--.

In claims 32-34, “, characterised in that it in particular consists” should be – further consisting --.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm’r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the art of record when considered alone or in combination neither renders obvious a system configured to treat cystocele, comprising all of the elements recited in claim 1, particularly the claimed limitation of the combination of an implant with multiple straps and a device for introduction with tubular branches which define a cavity for receiving a suspension strap of the implant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIANNE DORNBUSCH whose telephone

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number is (571)270-3515. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on (571) 272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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